

## 8.24.15 Monthly Fort Gay Call

### Participating:

EPA: Rebecca Crane, Deane Bartlett

WVDEP: Scott Driver, Jeff Brady, Kathy Emery, Ryan Harbison, Carolyn Napier, Brad Wright

WVDHHR: Claire Winterholler, JD Douglas

Fort Gay: Mayor Devaney

County Commission: Jimmy Boggs, Larry Carico

Sanghavi Engineers: Jesse Parker

Lowe Accounting: Rod Lowe

### **Funding**

The Commission and Accountant are still waiting for CSSI to complete the computer data program with cost and billing information. CSSI had provided some information to the Accountant, but it did not contain all of the information needed to complete the Rule 42 for the Water System and Waste Water Systems. The Accountant requested the information but it has not been provided and he has been unable to reach CSSI.

**Follow Up Action prior to 9.21.15 Call:** The Commission will contact CSSI to obtain the necessary final computer program from CSSI.

The Commission received confirmation on the submission of its Project Initiation form for the wastewater system (Project 2015S-1607).

Pre-Application Funding Assistance Program –The Town may qualify for a Pre-Application Funding Assistance Grant, but it would only be for 50% of the cost of filing the application, so the Town would have to come up with the remaining 50% match. Estimating the a PER would cost \$40,000-\$50,000, the Town would have to come up with \$20,000-\$25,000 in matching funds to qualify for the Pre-Application Funding Assistance Grant.

Two potential ways for the Town to generate this money are 1) a long term loan or 2) a rate increase. In either case, the long term per capita cost for each rate payer would be small. For approximately 320 sewer system rate payers to pay \$25,000 over a 20 year loan, a rate increase of approximately \$4.00 per year or \$0.32 per month would occur.

In order to move forward with applying for funding with the WV IJDC it is imperative that the Town generate funds for the PER, Draft Rule 42, etc.

The information to be provided by CSSI is necessary to evaluate a rate increase.

**Follow Up Action prior to 9.21.15 Call:** The Commission and Town are expected to collaborate on potential for long term low interest loan and or a rate increase to meet requirements for Pre-Application Funding Assistance Program prior to next call.

FEMA – any public assistance monies related to the flooding this spring is not expected to be available until September.

**Water system –**

Several homes have been transferred to the Lavalette water system.

Boil Water notice not in affect. Sediment tank at water treatment plant has been cleaned.

Fire Department does not have a water meter. One should be installed as soon as possible. This is a requirement of Paragraph 28 of the Consent Decree.

### **Wastewater system-**

Certified Operator is not available to conduct daily inspections and conduct maintenance on system due to second job. In past 3 weeks conducted 4 or 5 days' worth of work. The operator is apparently the only staff member who can do electrical work. Therefore, if he is not available, electrical repairs in the system are not made – which means that pump stations can continue to overflow.

Cass A – overflowing, although new pump was installed. Needs new electrical control panel, which was received about a week prior to the call; is to be installed by next call.

Aerators – 2 running; Commission has funded the purchase of a 3<sup>rd</sup> aerator which is expected to be received and installed by early September.

Bridgemart- Overflowing and electrical system requires immediate repair. The Commission/Town should consider hiring an electrician to make repairs when the operator is not available.

Sewer ordinance has had second reading; expected to be final by September.

Result of smoke testing concluded some improper stormwater connections to sanitary sewer lines. So far 8-10 lines need to be capped which have not been completed. Anticipate Jim Johnson from Rural Water to be on site in September to provide guidance and possible assistance. The storm sewers in the streets have been found to connect to the sewer system. This was not previously known, and separation of the storm sewers should be considered as part of the wastewater inflow and infiltration reduction plan.

Town is still currently without NPDES Permit Coverage. WV DEP Permit writers are waiting for additional information such as sample analyses and results.

**Follow Up Action prior to 9.21.215 Call:** 1) Commission to follow up with Engineering for quote on curtain installation in lagoon; 2) Bridgemart Lift Station electrical apparatus requires immediate maintenance to get that lift station on line; 3) Cass Street A requires immediate maintenance to stop sanitary sewer discharges and Commission will install control panel that came in last week immediately ;4) Commission to get into contact with WVDEP Permit writers (Robert Bates) in order to complete permit application submission and obtain NPDES Discharge Permit Coverage; 5) Continue capping lines detected by smoke testing; 6) take steps to either obtain a loan for matching funds for the wastewater PER or a rate increase

Next conference call is Monday September 21, 2015 at 2pm.